# Application for ‘One Bright Spark’ Project Funds

## Brief

Can you be our One Bright Spark? Do you have a great idea that would empower children and families accessing our services in Bristol and just needed a bit of money to test it out?

We are offering three project grants - one of up to £5,000, two of up to £2,500 – to operational safeguarding practitioners from Bristol Safeguarding Children Board member organisations to implement innovative projects in the city.

We want to find ways we can support children and families’ to share their views on the services they receive, and improve our ability to effect change based on them – and we need your help! We want to hear your ideas on how you would spend this money to achieve our aspiration of children and families’ feedback being central to how we improve services. You might have a great idea about how we could build children and families’ confidence or reduce barriers, or you might think that there is a new system or approach that we could implement which would help us put children’s experience at the heart of how we appraise our services in the city.

We specifically want to reach children and families who are accessing Child in Need and Child Protection Services. The project could be with a specific seldom heard cohort, work in a specific area of the city, or reach children across the city. The piece of work may be a one off activity or could support a sustainable change to systems and practices.

You can submit your ideas on your own or in groups. The BSCB Business Unit team will support the successful applicants to put their plans into reality.

We will be assessing the applications against the following criteria:

* Creativity
* Reach
* Promoting Children’s Rights and Empowerment-based approaches
* Collaboration between safeguarding practitioners and families
* Opportunities to enhance our understanding of our impact
* Achievability
* Alignment with the BSCB’s 2018-19 Priorities

Please complete the below application and return to bscb@bristol.gov.uk by **11th February 2019.**

A shortlisted group will be invited to come and pitch their ideas with a multi-agency decision-making group including young people from the BSCB Safeguarding Shadow Board on **25th February 2019.**

## Application

### Submitted by

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| **Name** |  |
| **Role** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
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## Your Project Title:

**Please provide a detailed outline of your proposal, ensuring you demonstrate how your proposal addresses the following criteria:**

* **Creativity.** How is your proposal innovative or different from current practice?
* **Reach.** Who is your target cohort? Are there problems with how this cohort is currently engaged?
* **Promoting Children’s Rights and Empowerment-based approaches.**
* **Collaboration between safeguarding practitioners and families.**
* **Opportunities to enhance our understanding of our impact.**
* **Achievability.** What are the aims of your project and how will they be achieved?
* **Alignment with the** [**BSCB’s 2018-19 Priorities**](https://bristolsafeguarding.org/media/19885/bscb-strategic-plan-final.pdf)**.** Read about the strategic priorities [here](https://bristolsafeguarding.org/children-home/about-us/the-bristol-safeguarding-children-board/annual-report-and-strategic-plan/).

**Include information about the and how this will be achieved, as well as any context needed about current standard practice or common barriers to effective working (maximum 2000 words).**

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**What amount are you bidding for?** £

**How will the funds be used? Please provide a breakdown of your anticipated costs:**

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